

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ A method for providing information ~~informative~~ support ~~[[of]]~~ to a vehicle driver by means of a vehicle multimedia system, ~~comprising~~ which includes a vehicle computer and an external computer, ~~whereby the vehicle computer and the external computer~~ that exchange data ~~[[over]]~~ in a bidirectional communication, said method comprising:

~~providing at least some of the time, whereby~~ special memory areas ~~are provided~~ in the vehicle computer and in the external computer, ~~[[their]]~~ contents of said special memory areas characterizing elements of ~~[[an]]~~ information ~~supply~~ available to and selectable by the driver of a vehicle by means of the vehicle multimedia system; ~~whereby~~

causing the contents of these special memory areas ~~[[are]]~~ to be modifiable by the driver of the vehicle through an input mode which does not negatively affect driving safety; ~~wherein, whereby the~~

contents of ~~[[these]]~~ the special memory areas are automatically compared; and ~~whereby~~

data ~~[[is]]~~ are exchanged only after successful selection ~~and/or~~ or alteration by the driver of the vehicle, via bidirectional communication.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the content of the special memory areas can be modified by the driver of the vehicle by one of voice input ~~and/or by~~ and manual operation.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in Claim 2, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein voice input by the driver of the vehicle is processed by the external computer to alter the contents of the special memory areas.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in Claim 3, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein processing is performed at least in part by intervention of ~~including~~ a human operator.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1 through 4, characterized in that~~ Claim 4, wherein the contents of the special memory areas are modifiable by ~~[[the]]~~ a vehicle passenger ~~in the front and/or the passengers in the rear.~~

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1 through 5, characterized in that~~ Claim 5, wherein the comparison of contents of the special memory areas is performed automatically after ~~one of triggering being triggered by the driver, of the vehicle and/or in an~~ event-controlled manner, and/or time-controlled manner, and under control of ~~and/or controlled by~~ the external computer.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1 through 6, characterized in that~~ Claim 6, wherein an information element designated to be removed from the information supply of the vehicle multimedia system ~~is not deleted~~ remains in the special memory areas, but ~~instead~~ is provided with a special identifier ~~[[, in]]~~ which ~~ease this~~ identifier causes this element to be unavailable for the vehicle multimedia system.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1 through 7, characterized in that~~ Claim 7, wherein selection of an element from the information supply available by means of the vehicle multimedia system is performed by the driver of the vehicle, by voice input.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1 through 8, characterized in that~~ Claim 8, wherein a navigation ~~[[means]]~~ unit autonomous to the vehicle ~~[[are]]~~ is provided.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in Claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein:

geographic positions which pertain to an element of the information supply available to the driver of the vehicle ~~by means of the vehicle multimedia system~~ are converted by the navigation unit ~~[[means]]~~ into navigation-
~~[[means]]~~unit-specific coordinates at the time of their initial use; ~~and, these~~

the coordinates ~~[[being]]~~ are stored in a manner associated with the element.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1 through 10, characterized in that~~ Claim 10, wherein the vehicle computer and the external computer ~~[[use]]~~ communicate bidirectionally ~~via a wireless network for bidirectional communication.~~

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1 through 11, characterized in that~~ Claim 11, wherein the vehicle computer ~~is additionally usable for~~ also provides access to an information supply available outside of the vehicle multimedia system.

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1 through 12, characterized in that~~ Claim 12, wherein:

means are provided for recognition of a vehicle driver; ~~are provided~~
and [[thus]]

the vehicle multimedia system ~~can make~~ makes the information
supply available on a personalized basis.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in
Claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a driver-specific vehicle key is provided
as the means for recognition of a driver of a vehicle.

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in
Claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a driver-specific calling number is
provided as the means for recognition of a vehicle driver.

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in ~~any~~
~~one of Claims 1 through 15, characterized in that~~ Claim 15, wherein additional
means ~~and/or access possibilities~~ are provided for altering the contents of the
special memory areas.

Claim 17. (Cancelled)

Claim 18. (Currently Amended) ~~Computer~~ A computer program
product having program code [[means]] stored on a computer-readable data
medium for performing a method for providing information support to a vehicle
driver by means of a vehicle multimedia system which includes a vehicle

computer and an external computer that exchange data in a bidirectional communication, said program code including steps for: to perform the method according to any of Claims 1 through 16 when the program product is executed on a computer.

providing special memory areas in the vehicle computer and in the external computer, contents of said special memory areas characterizing elements of information available to and selectable by the driver of a vehicle by means of the vehicle multimedia system;

causing the contents of these special memory areas to be modifiable by the driver of the vehicle through an input mode which does not negatively affect driving safety; wherein,

contents of the special memory areas are automatically compared;
and

data are exchanged only after successful selection or alteration by the driver of the vehicle via bidirectional communication.